

SAMUEL MENIFIELD.

JUNE 14, 1850.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WALDO, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Menifield, respectfully report:*

The petitioner represents that he volunteered in the month of March, 1794, as an Indian ranger, and served under the command of Lieutenant Levi Morgan and Ensign Solomon Hedge until the 25th day of December of the same year, when he was honorably discharged; that he was stationed at the mouth of Fishing creek, on the Ohio river, until the month of August, when he was stationed on the opposite side of said river, nearly opposite the mouth of said creek.

The petitioner proves this service by the affidavits of Henry Hays and James Morgan. The committee are not aware of any law authorizing any pensions to persons employed as Indian rangers; nor are they aware that this service was ever recognised as United States service until the year 1812. They do not regard it as any more meritorious than the service of the army under General Wayne, or the service of the army of the war of 1812—neither of which has yet entitled a participant to be placed on the pension list. The petitioner does not claim to have endured any peculiar hardship, or to have performed any extraordinary service; and hence the committee cannot recommend his claim to any peculiar favor. They therefore ask to be discharged, and recommend that the petition be laid upon the table.